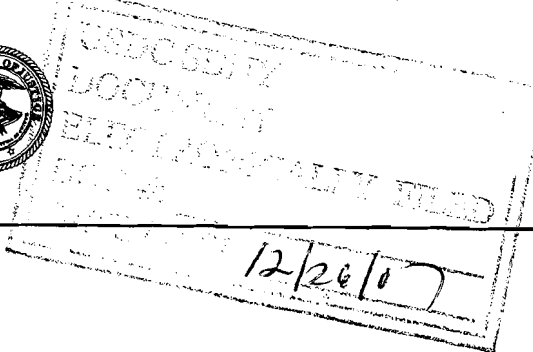


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Hon. Debra C. Freeman
United States Magistrate Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
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MEMO ENDORSED

Re: *Kakushadze v. Chertoff, et al.*, 07 Civ. ~~8008~~ ⁸³³⁸ (DCF)

Dear Judge Freeman:

I write respectfully to request an additional one-week extension of the Government's time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint for mandamus in this lawsuit challenging the Government's actions relating to petitioner's application for naturalization. The Government's response is currently due on December 26, 2007, and the Government is drafting a motion to dismiss the action for lack of jurisdiction. The Court has scheduled a conference with the parties for January 3, 2008, at 12 p.m., and if the Court were to grant the Government's present extension request, the Government's motion to dismiss would be due on the same date that the conference will be held.

This is the Government's second request for an extension of time in this matter. Petitioner consents to this request for an extension.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Defendants

SO ORDERED: DATE: 12/26/07

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DEBRA FREEMAN
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